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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
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A	page 3, line 5 – page 17, line 21	13-15
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X document of particular relevance, the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 6 sheets, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) , containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions). 		
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Box No. I Basis of the report

- With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
- With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-44 received on 14.11.2005 with letter of 10.11.2005

Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos. 1-20
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
- any table(s) related to sequence

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	8-11, 13, 15, 17-21, 29-32, 34, 36, 38-42
	No:	Claims	1-7, 12, 14, 16, 22-28, 33, 35, 37, 43, 44
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-44

Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-44
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : EP 1 195 975 A (INTELLPROP LIMITED) 10 April 2002

D2 : GB 2 342 536 A (ORANGE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED) 12 April 2000

D3: WO 01/08430 A (INTELLPROP LIMITED) 1 February 2001

D4 : EP 1 267 556 A (ALCATEL) 18 December 2002

1.1 The documents D3 and D4 were not cited in the international search report. Copies of the documents are appended hereto.

2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matters of claims 1, 22, 43 and 44 are not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2.1 The document D3 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) all the features of independent claim 1:

a telecommunications apparatus comprising a telephone network, a telephone terminal operable to enable a user to specify dialling information in a form that comprises text (page 2, lines 28-31), means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text (page 2, lines 22-26), the network being adapted to receive an indialled call from the terminal, to set up the connection associated with the text and to connect the indialled call with the connection associated with the text (page 4, lines 5-7; "Optional call completion

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could be achieved ... by a handset modification which would allow an audio call to be set up in parallel with the requesting SMS message.").

- 2.2 The above cited passage, "Optional call completion...", constitutes an implicit disclosure of a network adaptation to receive an indialled call, to set up the connection associated with the SMS message and to connect the indialled call with the connection associated with the SMS message.
- 2.3 Also document D4 discloses all the features of independent claim 1 (see figure 2 as well as paragraphs 0016 and 0017).
- 2.4 The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matters of the corresponding independent claims 22, 43 and 44, which therefore are also considered not new.
- 3 Dependent claims 2-21 and 23-42 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see the relevant passages of documents D1 and D2 and any further documents cited in the search report as well as the herein referenced documents D3 and D4.
 - 3.1 All features of claims 2-7, 12, 14, 16, 23-28, 33, 35 and 37 are explicitly or implicitly disclosed in document D3. Therefore, the subject-matters of said claims are considered not new (Article 33(2) PCT).
 - 3.2 The features of claims 8-11, 13, 17, 20, 21, 29-32, 34, 38, 41 and 42 are considered trivial in their application to the field of telecommunications for a skilled person. Thus, the subject-matters of said claims cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).
 - 3.3 There appears to be no specific technical problem to which the technical features of claims 19 and 40 relate. As a result, also the subject-matters of claims 19 and 40

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cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

3.4 For claims 15, 18, 36 and 39, see section VIII

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

- 1 The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because claims 15, 18, 36 and 39 are not clear.
 - 1.1 In claims 15 and 36 the terms "intelligently", "exceptions", "classes" and "rules" are not clearly defined and it is not possible to determine how the means or processing steps of said claims will achieve the claimed aim of deriving at an alphanumeric string.
 - 1.2 In claims 18 and 39 the meaning of the expression "translate between text dialling information and connections that are personalised..." cannot be established and thus renders the subject-matter of said claims unclear.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

1. Telecommunications apparatus comprising a telephone network, a telephone terminal operable to enable a user to specify dialling information in a form that comprises text, means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text, the network being adapted to receive an indialled call from the terminal, to set up the connection associated with the text and to connect the indialled call with the connection associated with the text.
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2. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the said means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text is within the network.
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3. Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, in which the terminal is operable to transmit text dialling information to the network.
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4. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text is partly within the network and partly within the terminal.
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5. Apparatus as claimed in claim 4, in which the terminal is operable to transmit partly processed text dialling information to the network.
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6. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, in which transmission of text dialling information occurs before the indialled call, or at least partly in parallel with the indialled call.
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7. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, in which the terminal is a mobile terminal.
8. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, in which the text dialling information is addressed to a service number.

9. Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, in which the indialled call is addressed to a service number.

5 10. Apparatus as claimed in claim 9, in which the text dialling information and the indialled call are addressed to the same service number.

11. Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, 9 or 10, in which the service number is a short code or international number.

10 12. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, in which the text dialling information is transmitted as a text message, such as an SMS, EMS or GPRS text message.

15 13. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which an acknowledgement is returned to the telephone terminal indicating that the network has processed the text dialling information.

14. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the
20 text dialling information is processed at least partly in parallel with the indialled call.

15. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text is operable to process the text intelligently using a system of exceptions, classes
25 and rules to derive an alphanumeric string from the text.

16. Apparatus as claimed in claim 15, in which the means to process the dialling information is further operable to determine a desired connection based on the derived alphanumeric string.

30 17. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the

text retains memory of the connection and is operable to make a reconnection without re-entry of the text.

18. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the
5 means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text is operable to translate between text dialling information and connections that are personalised to a particular individual or closed group of individuals.

19. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the
10 means to process the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text is operable to make connections to services and to generate service usage statistics regarding the numbers of calls to particular services and the text dialling information used to identify them.

15 20. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19, in which the connection associated with the text is characterised as a telephone number.

21. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19, in which the connection associated with the text is characterised without reference to a telephone
20 number.

22. A method of operating telecommunications apparatus comprising a telephone network and a telephone terminal, the method comprising the steps of employing the terminal to enable a user to specify dialling information in a form that comprises text, processing the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text, indialling a call to the network, setting up the connection associated with the text in response to the indialled call and connecting the indialled call with the connection associated with the text.
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30 23. A method as claimed in claim 22, in which the step of processing the dialling information to identify the connection associated with the text employs means within the network.

24. A method as claimed in claim 23, in which text dialling information is transmitted from the terminal to the network.

5 25. A method as claimed in claim 22, in which the step of processing the dialling information to identify the connection associated with the text employs means partly within the network and partly within the terminal.

10 26. A method as claimed in claim 25, in which partly processed text dialling information is transmitted from the terminal to the network.

27. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 26, in which transmission of text dialling information occurs before the indialled call, or at least partly in parallel with the indialled call.

15 28. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 27, in which the terminal is a mobile terminal.

29. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 28, in which the text 20 dialling information is addressed to a service number.

30. A method as claimed in claim 29, in which the indialled call is addressed to a service number.

25 31. A method as claimed in claim 30, in which the text dialling information and the indialled call are addressed to the same service number.

32. A method as claimed in claim 29, 30 or 31, in which the service number is a short code or international number.

33. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 32, in which the text dialling information is transmitted as a text message, such as an SMS, EMS or GPRS text message.

5 34. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 33, in which an acknowledgement is returned to the telephone terminal indicating that the network has processed the text dialling information.

10 35. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 34, in which the text dialling information is processed at least partly in parallel with the indialled call.

15 36. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 35, in which the step of processing the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text, comprises processing the text intelligently using a system of exceptions, classes and rules to derive an alphanumeric string from the text.

37. A method as claimed in claim 36, in which a desired connection is determined based on the derived alphanumeric string.

20 38. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 37, in which the step of processing the dialling information to identify a connection associated with the text comprises retaining memory of the connection and making a reconnection without re-entry of the text.

25 39. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 38, in which dialling information is translated between text dialling information and connections that are personalised to a particular individual or closed group of individuals.

30 40. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 39, in which dialling information is processed to make connections to services and service usage statistics are generated regarding the numbers of calls to particular services and the dialling information used to identify them.

41. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 40, in which the connection associated with the text is characterised as a telephone number.

5 42. A method as claimed in any one of claims 22 to 40, in which the connection associated with the text is characterised without reference to a telephone number.

10 43. A computer program for implementing a method according to any one of claims 22 to 42.

44. A storage medium storing a computer program according to claim 43.